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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA'S STATEMENT UPON RETURN
FROM U.S. TRIP.

1. SUMMARY: IN STATEMENT MADE AT JOHANNESBURG UPON RETURN
FROM U.S. TRIP, FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA REPORTEDLY CHARACTERIZED
MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE AS "INSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL" BUT
SAID HE STILL DIDN'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND U.S. POLICY OR
"GOAL" OF ONE-MAN-ONE-VOTE MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOREIGN MINSTER BOTHA REPORTEDLY SAID TO THE PRESS
JUNE 26 UPON ARRIVAL AT JOHANNESBURG'S JAN SMUTS AIRPORT
AFTER WEEK-LONG U.S. VISIT THAT HE HAD NOTICED A SHIFT
OF EMPHASIS BY USG RE ORIGINAL "DEMAND" FOR POLICY OF
ONE-MAN-ONE-VOTE IN SOUTH AFRICA. BOTHA IS QUOTED AS
SAYING HE DOESN'T COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE USG
"EXACTLY MEANS WITH ONE-MAN-ONE-VOTE MAJORITY GOVERNMENT
AND THE CONCEPT OF FULL PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT,"
BUT, "AS I UNDERSTAND IT THE MAIN AIM OF THE USG IS
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THAT HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM MUST BE APPLIED ALL
OVER THE WORLD. TO WHAT EXTENT THE USG WILL INSIST
THAT ONE-MAN, ONE VOTE MUST BE APPLIED IN ONE POLITICAL
ENTITY IN SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT CLEAR. IT MIGHT BE THAT
THERE ARE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH THESE AIMS CAN BE
ACHIEVED AND WHICH MIGHT BE SYMPATHETICALLY JUDGED
BY THE AMERICANS. WE SHALL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE AND

IN THE MEANTIME CONTINUE COOLLY AND CALMLY TO DO THAT WHICH WE REGARD AS RIGHT AND JUST FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FELLOW NATIONAS."

3. BOTHA CHARACTERIZED HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE, DURING WHICH HE SAID THEY DISCUSSED SOUTH WEST AFRICA, RHODESIA, AND U.S. - SOUTH AFRICA RELATIONS, AS "INSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL."

4. WHEN ASKED TO COMPARE DIFFERENCE IN ATTITUDE BETWEEN FORD AND CARTER ADMINISTRATIONS. BOTHA REPLIED " THE FORD ADMINISTRATION MADE A CLEAR DISTINCITION BETWEEN SOLUTIONS IN RHODESIA ON THE ONE HAND AND SOUTH AFRICA ON THE OTHER. THEIR SPOKESMAN CLEARLY INDICATED THAT THE WHITES WERE ENTITLED TO SURVIVAL AND THAT THEY HAD ARIGHT TO BE HERE. UNFORTUNATELY ONE DOES NOT HEAR THESE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED SO CLEARLY BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION."

5. WHEN ASKED IF HE REGARDED VISIT AS SUCCESSFUL, BOTH SAID " ONE CANNOT CATEGORIZE A VISIT OF THIS KIND AS A SUCCESS OR FAILURE. IT IS PART OF THE GENERAL POCESS OF INTERNATIONAL INTERACTION AND IT IS AN ONGOING FUNCTION OF MY DEPARTMENT TO TRY TO COVEY TO THE WORLD THE COMPLEXITY OF OUR PROBLEM AND OUR WAY OF TRYING TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER DISPENSA TION

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